

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 22 (canceled)

23. (New) A method of adhering a first wood piece to a second wood piece comprising:

- providing an adhesive product comprising a backing strip of release material and a gelled adhesive on the backing strip;

- applying the adhesive product to the first wood piece such that the gelled adhesive contacts the first wood piece;

- removing the backing strip from the adhesive product;

- pressing the second wood piece against the gelled adhesive and the first wood piece; and

- allowing the adhesive to cure and set firm to adhere the first wood piece to the second wood piece.

24. (New) A method according to claim 23 wherein the first and second wood pieces are porous, and wherein the adhesive penetrates into the pores when the second wood piece is pressed against the gelled adhesive and the first wood piece.

25. (New) A method according to claim 24 wherein the adhesive has an adhesive strength of at least about 8 Mpa as measured according to British Standard BS EN 205: 1991, Annex A.

26. (New) A method according to claim 25 wherein the adhesive fully cures within about 5 hours.

27. (New) An adhesive product for adhering wood pieces together comprising:
a backing strip of release material; and
a gelled adhesive on the backing strip;
the adhesive when fully cured and adhering the wood pieces together having an
adhesive strength of at least about 8 Mpa as measured according to British Standard
BS EN 205: 1991, Annex A.

28. (New) An adhesive product according to claim 27 wherein the gelled
adhesive comprises an adhesive resin and a gelling agent.

29. (New) An adhesive product according to claim 28 wherein the gelling agent
comprises a gelling colloid.

30. (New) An adhesive product according to claim 28 wherein the gelling agent
comprises a combination of a colloidal silica and an electrolyte.

31. (New) An adhesive product according to claim 30 wherein the electrolyte
comprises a phosphate salt.

32. (New) An adhesive product according to claim 28 wherein the adhesive
resin is a vinyl acetate-based resin.

33. (New) An adhesive product according to claim 29 wherein the adhesive
resin is a vinyl acetate-based resin.

34. (New) An adhesive product according to claim 28 wherein the gelled
adhesive further comprises a coalescing solvent.

35. (New) An adhesive product according to claim 32 wherein the gelled adhesive further comprises a coalescing solvent.

36. (New) An adhesive product according to claim 28 wherein the gelled adhesive further comprises polyvinyl alcohol.

37. (New) An adhesive product according to claim 27 wherein the adhesive is in the form of a layer of the adhesive on the backing strip.

38. (New) An adhesive product according to claim 27 which is in the form of a tape.